



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | Geraldine E. King Women's Center, 131 East 700 South, Salt Lake City, 84111

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Financial Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

2 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Ms. Christine Mason, Administrator, Topham's Tiny Tots Care Center and representing 16 other Intermediate Care Facilities, spoke in support of increased reimbursement rates from the State.

Sen. Christensen asked clarifying questions regarding funding needs and Ms. Mason responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information and Ms. Mason responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for information relating to a lawsuit and Rep. Ward and Ms. Mason responded.

Rep. Ward asked for information about clients who moved out of the facilities and Ms. Mason responded.

Rep. Judkins asked clarifying questions about waiting lists and Ms. Mason responded.

Sen. Christensen asked for information about reimbursement rates and Ms. Mason responded.

Mr. Dirk Anjewierden, Executive Director, Utah Health Care Association, spoke about Medicaid Provider Rates and requested additional funding.

Ms. Sophia Anderson, citizen, spoke about her concerns with the INN Between and encouraged the Legislature to cease funding the facility.

Chair Ray asked for information about residents who previously committed sex crimes and Ms. Anderson responded.

Sen. Weiler asked about funding from the Legislature and Ms. Maddy Oritt, Financial Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), and Chair Ray responded.

Ms. Tammy Castleforte, citizen, expressed her concerns with the INN Between. Chair Ray asked questions regarding Ms. Castleforte's information on funding for the INN Between and she responded.

3 . Items from the Morning Agenda

Ms. Oritt discussed Agenda Item Eight from the morning session: Measuring Poverty Alleviation Through Medicaid Expansion.

Rep. Judkins asked about getting data from those who are dis-enrolling from Medicaid and Ms. Oritt responded.

Mr. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Department of Health (DOH), provided information to the committee.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for additional information about Medicaid dis-enrollment and Mr. Checketts responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for information about measuring health outcomes and Ms. Oritt responded.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes from the morning and afternoon meetings held on June 18, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the recommendations included on pages 81-96 of the Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report 2019, except for the recommendations for H.B. 326 and S.B. 150.

The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

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Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the recommendations included on slides 2-9 of the Internal Audit Presentation. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

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Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-8

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Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the Department of Workforce Services' proposed fee changes for the Administration line item. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

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After discussion by the committee, it was decided to take another vote on the motion.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the Department of Workforce Services' proposed fee changes for the Administration line item. The motion failed with a vote of 5 - 4 - 8.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-4

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Ward

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that Legislative Fiscal Analyst staff, in coordination with the Department of Workforce Services, provide summary statistics for the Medicaid expansion population during the 2020 General Session and that they provide an analysis on the first year of data during the 2020 interim. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

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Nays-0Absent-8

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4 . Medicaid Provider Rates Review

Mr. Checketts introduced the topic to the committee.

Mr. John Curless, Director, Bureau of Coverage and Reimbursement Policy, DOH, explained the rules and associated financial impact to the committee.

Rep. Ward asked for information about payment rates to various medical groups and Mr. Curless responded. Mr. Checketts provided additional information.

Rep. Judkins asked how funds were dispersed and Mr. Curless provided the information.

Rep. Ward asked Mr. Checketts to give his opinion on the adequacy of the number of providers and Mr. Checketts responded.

5 . Legislative Audit of the University Neuropsychiatric Institute

[8a-UNI Audit - Letter to Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

[8b-A Performance Audit of the University Neuropsychiatric Institute and Crisis Services](#)

Mr. Darin Underwood, Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced the audit and the team of auditors.

Mr. Wayne Kidd, Audit Supervisor, OLAG, presented the audit to the committee.

Chair Ray asked for information about the cost of the SafeUT App and Mr. Kidd responded.

Mr. Ross VanVranken, Executive Director, University Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI), responded to the audit and said that all audit recommendations have been implemented. He thanked the committee and the auditors for their work.

Ms. Rachel Lucinski, Business Operations Manager for the Crisis Line and Mobile Outreach Team, and Mr. Kevin Curtis, Crisis Services Director, UNI, introduced themselves to the committee and were available to answer questions.

6 . Financial Impact of Rules to Implement S.B. 96, Medicaid Expansion Adjustments,

[5c-R414-311-6 rule 5-20-19](#)

[5d-R414-311-6 form 5-20-19](#)

[5e-R414-303 rule 5-20-19](#)

[5f-R414-303 form 5-20-19](#)

[5a-R414-312 rule 5-20-19](#)

[5b-R414-312 form 5-20-19](#)

Ms. Lence introduced the rules.

Mr. Nate Checketts explained the reasons for the rules.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information regarding the poverty level and Mr. Checketts responded.

7 . Department of Health - Still Birth Study

[6-Utah Health Department Launches Unprecedented Stillbirth Study](#)

Ms. Lynne Nilson, Director, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, DOH, and Ms. Laurie Baksh, Manager, Maternal and Infant Health Program, DOH, introduced themselves and explained the study to the committee.

Rep. Judkins asked for additional information and Ms. Baksh responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked about rates of stillbirths in the State and Ms. Baksh responded.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to request that UNI report to the Subcommittee during the 2020 General Session on the status of implementing the audit recommendations and on UNI's current and future funding need, including whether the needs are driven by legislative actions or other factors. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-8

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Rep. K. Coleman
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Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-9

Sen. J. Adams
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8 . Partnership with Medicaid to Improve Prediabetes, Diabetes, and Asthma in Utah

[7-Partnership with Medicaid to Improve Prediabetes, Diabetes, and Asthma in Utah](#)

Mr. Nathan Checketts introduced the topic to the committee.

Ms. Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, DOH, explained the division's partnership with Medicaid.

Mr. Checketts gave additional information on the fee for service areas.

Chair Ray asked how much money is saved by the amount invested in the programs and Mr. Checketts and Ms. Borski responded.

9 . Homelessness Topics

[9d-SHCC Summary Performance and Outcomes FY19](#)

Ms. Oritt explained the presentation.

Mr. Cory Holdaway, KMH Consulting, responded to comments made during public comment regarding the INN Between and provided "The INN Between Program Outcomes."

Chair Ray made further comments regarding neighborhood support for the INN Between.

Ms. Kim Correa, Executive Director, The INN Between, gave information regarding the services provided by, and licensing information of, The INN Between.

Rep. Coleman asked for more information about the purpose of the INN Between and Ms. Correa responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for information about the screening process and Ms. Correa responded.

Chair Ray asked for more information about the screening process and Ms. Correa responded.

Rep. Ward asked about the definition of medical respite used by the INN Between and Ms. Correa responded. Rep. Ward also asked about funding sources and Ms. Correa responded.

Chair Ray noted that the Salt Lake City Police Department has seen no increase in crime in the area surrounding the INN Between.

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), commented on the INN Between and told the committee that it meets the criteria for the funding it receives.

[9b-Performance Audit of Utah's Homeless Services](#)

Mr. Hardy responded to the audit and discussed the changes the division has made to meet the audit suggestions.

Rep. Judkins asked if the data used in the audit would continue to be utilized in the same way and Mr. Hardy responded.

Rep. Coleman asked the auditor about the system used to identify individuals accessing programs. Mr. Brian Dean, Deputy Auditor General, OLAG, who managed the homeless audits, responded.

[9c-Utah Report on Homelessness 2019](#)

Mr. Hardy explained how the State Homeless Coordinating Committee allocates funds.

[9d-SHCC Summary Performance and Outcomes FY19](#)

Mr. Hardy presented the report to the committee.

Sen. Christensen asked how various counties address the homelessness issue and Mr. Hardy responded.

Rep. Judkins asked about crossover data in the reports and Mr. Hardy responded.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 11.

Yeas-6

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Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-11

Sen. J. Adams
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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.